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SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH SOVIETS ON SECURITY COUNCIL

MIDDLE EAST DEBATE

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1. IN RESPONSE TO SOVIET DELEGATION REQUEST TO CONTINUE CONSULTATIONS ON SC MIDDLE EAST DEBATE, AMBASSADOR BENNETT AND MISOFF MET AGAIN WITH OVINNIKOV AND PYRLIN JANUARY 16. SOVIETS HAD LITTLE TO SAY, AND WERE PERHAPS INTERESTED MAINLY IN PROBING FOR CHANGES IN US POSITION. BENNETT SAID US ATTITUDE TOWARD DEBATE HAS NOT ALTERED, AND STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF PROTECTING THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS AND RETURN TO GENEVA FROM DAMAGING ACTIONS IN THE COUNCIL.

2. OVINNIKOV HANDED BENNETT A PAPER (TEXT PARA 4) ABSTRACTING STATEMENTS THAT HAD BEEN MADE IN THE COUNCIL DEBATE REGARDING A) THE CENTRALITY OF THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION TO A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT AND B) THE NEED FOR RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIAN POLITICAL RIGHTS. OVINNIKOV SAID IT WAS CLEAR THAT THE TREND OF THE COUNCIL WAS TOWARD A RESOLUTION CONTAINING THESE ELEMENTS. THE USSR CONTINUED IN ADDITION TO FAVOR A RESOLUTION REAFFIRMING THE RELEVANT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND CALLING FOR AN EARLY RENEWAL OF THE GENEVA CONFERENCE.

3. ON THE MATTER OF RELEVANT SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS,
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BENNETT REMARKED THAT WE HAD NOTED THE ABSENCE OF ANY DIRECT

REFERENCE TO RESOLUTIONS 242 AND 338 IN AMBASSADOR MALIK'S STATEMENT YESTERDAY. PYRLIN INSISTED THAT THIS DID NOT SIGNIFY A CHANGE IN SOVIET POLICY. THE USSR CONTINUED TO BELIEVE A MIDDLE EAST SETTLEMENT MUST BE BASED ON THE PRINCIPLES CONTAINED IN THESE RESOLUTIONS. BOTH HE AND OVINNIKOV, HOWEVER, SPOKE OF "ALL RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS".

4. TEXT FOLLOWS OF PAPER GIVEN US BY SOVIETS:

QUOTE I.

JAPAN: "THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION IS THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM".

FRANCE: "A SETTLEMENT OF THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS AN INTEGRAL PART OF A GLOBAL SETTLEMENT".

UNITED KINGDOM: "SOME PLACE IN THIS SOLUTION FOR A PALESTINIAN IDENTITY".

BENIN: "A JUST, EQUITABLE AND DURABLE SETTLEMENT TO THE DISTRESSING PROBLEM OF THE CRISIS OF THE MIDDLE EAST, THE CRUX OF WHICH IS THE PALESTINIAN QUESTION".

LIBYA: "THE PALESTINIAN PROBLEM IS THE CENTRE, THE SOURCE AND THE ORIGIN OF THE MIDDLE EAST QUESTION".

II.

GUYANA: "THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO A HOMELAND MUST BE ADEQUATELY SATISFIED".

JAPAN: "THE RECOGNITION OF AND RESPECT FOR THE LEGITIMATE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS".

FRANCE: "THE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE TO AN INDEPENDENT HOMELAND".

SWEDEN: "THE PALESTINIAN ARABS HAD LEGITIMATE NATIONAL INTERESTS AND RIGHTS AND THAT THESE MUST BE FULLY TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT IN THE SEARCH FOR A SOLUTION".

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"A RECOGNITION OF THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION OF THE PALESTINIAN ARABS".

PAKISTAN: "MY DELEGATION CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT IN THIS SERIES OF MEETINGS THE COUNCIL SHOULD TAKE COGNIZANCE OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE - THE RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION, THE RIGHT TO RESTORE THEIR NATIONAL ENTITY

AND SOVEREIGNTY AND THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO OR RECEIVE
COMPENSATION FOR THEIR LOST HOMES AND PROPERTIES".

UNITED KINGDOM: "IN ANY FINAL SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST
A WAY MUST BE FOUND TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE POLITICAL RIGHTS OF
THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE AND TO ENABLE THEM TO EXPRESS THEIR
NATIONAL IDENTITY".

BENIN: "THE PROFOUND ASPIRATIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE -
NAMESLY, TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO EXIST AS A STATE AND THEIR
RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE - BE RE-
COGNIZED AND ACCEPTED.

PANAMA: "THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINAIN PEOPLE".

"THE LEGITIMATE RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIANS TO THEIR OWN HOME-
LAND IN THE PALESTINAIN TERRITORY".

LIBYA: "NO JUSTICE WITHOUT FULL IMPLEMENTATION AND FULL
RECOGNITION OF THE NATIONAL RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE".
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